

the Transatlantic Economic Council (TEC), and outlining “the potential of transatlantic commerce to boost our growth and generate jobs on both sides of the Atlantic.” We support the joint efforts to “promote innovation, streamline regulation, and eliminate non-tariff barriers to trade and investment, bringing benefits to business, workers, and consumers in both markets.” The reducing of non tariff barriers and the streamlining of regulations were agreed as priorities when the TEC was established. We call on the TEC leaders once again to reach out directly to Congress and the European Parliament.

The October 14 2010 European Parliament Delegation ‘Brief on EU-US trade and economic cooperation’ was well received and we look forward to further proposals to improve the Transatlantic market. In this respect we also discussed the need for us as legislators to take a more active role to reduce non-tariff barriers to trans-Atlantic trade, including working with executive agencies on a few specific projects, for instance as regards product testing procedures of automobiles and emerging products through advances in nanotechnology.

We discussed ways to further enhance our dialogue and deepen transatlantic ties, even in times of economic constraints and respecting the need for cost effectiveness, including:

- expanding contacts among staff of our institutions,
- inviting EU and U.S. officials to provide perspectives on strategic issues related to financial recovery and economic growth,
- expanding interaction between the U.S. Congress and the European Parliament, including through video-conferencing,
- promoting closer contacts between the Members responsible for specific legislative issues, in particular on a committee to committee basis,
- the possibility of joint hearings and the issuance of joint statements.

In conclusion, we reaffirmed our commitment to strengthening the transatlantic relationship and working in partnership to solve common challenges. We pledged to continue improving the effectiveness of our dialogue in order to realise the full potential of our interparliamentary relationship, as well as to ensure the relevance of the TLD’s work to the European Parliament and the United States Congress.

#### COMMENDING THE MORROW-STEVENS FOUNDATION ON 10 YEARS OF OPERATIONS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 17, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Geraldine and Alan Graham on the 10th anniversary of operations of the Morrow-Stevens Foundation, a non-profit organization they created to provide college scholarships to needy students. Recognizing the importance of education, and the significant challenge that financial hardships often pose to otherwise dedicated students, Geraldine and Alan incorporated the Foundation in 1999 and began awarding scholarships the following year. The Foundation’s scholarships are all-encompassing, providing full tuition, room and board, and book stipends for four years of post-secondary education. Long-time residents of Virginia, Geraldine and Alan set up the Morrow-

Stevens Foundation Scholarship to be available to deserving students in two of the lowest-income counties in the Commonwealth. To date, the Foundation has awarded eight scholarships and has had five graduates. Its ongoing operation will continue to enable additional deserving, but underprivileged students the opportunity for education and a greater ability to shape their futures.

Madam Speaker, ensuring a quality education for our children is one of our most important responsibilities, and I urge my colleagues to commend Geraldine and Alan Graham and the Morrow-Stevens Foundation for their selfless work in furtherance of that goal and wish them continued success in their noble efforts.

#### HONORING DR. STEVEN E. HYMAN

**HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 17, 2010*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Steven E. Hyman for his service to the academic, scientific, and cultural life of the United States. As Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) from 1996–2001, Dr. Hyman was instrumental in transforming the way the nation understands, treats, and responds to mental illness. Under Dr. Hyman’s leadership, the NIMH became a world leader in genetic, biological, and neuroscientific research to improve the lives of the tens of millions of Americans living with mental illness. Since 2001, Dr. Hyman has served as Provost of Harvard University, where his innovative leadership helped usher America’s oldest university into the new millennium with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary and collaborative research. Additionally, Dr. Hyman’s role in strengthening the museums, libraries, and cultural institutions of Harvard University has strengthened the rich cultural life of the United States as a whole.

Dr. Hyman is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He has received awards for public service from the U.S. Government and from patient advocacy groups such as the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the National Mental Health Association. Across the country and over the world, he has lectured on topics ranging from genes, brain, and behavior to the stigma of mental illness. Dr. Hyman is a member of the Society for Neuroscience, the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology and the American College of Psychiatrists. He has served on scientific advisory boards nationally and internationally including the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Riken Brain Sciences Institute in Japan, and the Max Planck Institute for Psychiatry in Germany. He is currently Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Next Frontier Initiative, a new endeavor to design and implement a 10-year collaborative neuroscience research effort for the benefit of soldiers and veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury and PTSD.

As Dr. Hyman prepares to transition from his position as Provost of Harvard University, we honor his legacy as a national leader in science and academia and look forward to his continued contributions to American life.

#### HONORING NORMAN YOSHIO MINETA

SPEECH OF

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 15, 2010*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution honoring my dear friend and former colleague, Congressman Norman Mineta, the founder of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

After attending the University of California, Berkeley in my district, Congressman Mineta served as an intelligence officer in Korea and Japan.

He was the first minority and Asian American city council member in San Jose, and was elected the first Asian American mayor of a major U.S. city.

As a child, Congressman Mineta and his family suffered great loss when they were sent to an internment camp after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Upon his election to Congress, he worked tirelessly to pass the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which officially apologized to and compensated Japanese families for their discriminatory and immoral internment.

I had the privilege to work with Norm while serving Mayor of Oakland, then Congressman Ron Dellums’ staff. I vividly remember sitting next to him on a flight from Washington, DC to San Francisco. During that flight, he told me his remarkable life story, which established our long term friendship. As a staffer, he treated me with respect, and I am proud to call him my friend.

After his long career in Congress, Congressman Mineta became the first Asian American Cabinet member, first as Secretary of Commerce under President William J. Clinton and then as Secretary of Transportation under President George W. Bush.

I wholeheartedly support this resolution honoring the accomplishments of an outstanding and inspiring public servant, colleague, trailblazer, and friend, Congressman Norman Mineta.

#### DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL REPEAL ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 15, 2010*

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, on March 2, 2010, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates announced that the U.S. Department of Defense, DOD, would conduct a thorough review of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy prohibiting openly gay men and women from serving in the military. The review was to examine the impact that repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy would have on military readiness and effectiveness, unit cohesion, recruiting, retention, and family readiness.

The review solicited feedback from more than 500,000 active duty and reserve component Service members and spouses, with more than 200,000 responses ultimately being received. The Working Group that conducted